

**APPENDIX 2  
TAB A  
PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR  
RADIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS**

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Washington State Military Department  
Emergency Management Division

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Washington State Department of Agriculture  
Washington State Office of the Attorney General  
Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges  
Washington State Department of Community, Trade and  
Economic Development, Energy Policy  
Washington State Department of Corrections  
Washington State Department of General Administration  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Washington State Employment Security Department  
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Washington State Department of Health  
Washington State Governor's Office of Indian Affairs  
Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner  
Washington State Department of Labor and Industries  
Washington State Department of Licensing  
Washington State Liquor Control Board  
Washington State Military Department  
National Guard  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Washington State Patrol  
Washington State Department of Retirement Services  
Washington State Office of the Secretary of State  
Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Washington State Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Adams County  
Benton County  
Franklin County  
Grant County  
Kittitas County  
Klickitat County  
Walla Walla County  
Yakima County  
Umatilla Chemical Depot  
U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Site  
Energy Northwest  
American Red Cross  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Purpose**

To establish uniform policies for the effective development, coordination, and dissemination of public education materials and information to the public in case of a chemical or radiological emergency.

### **B. Scope**

Washington State emergency public information actions before an emergency include dissemination of information to the public regarding how they will be notified and what their actions should be in an emergency. (For Columbia Generating Station (CGS), this is an annual requirement.) Information activities during and following any emergency will be determined by the severity of the emergency as declared by the involved facility or as perceived by the public. A significant emergency public information response will involve the affected facility, state, county, and city agencies. This Tab describes those agencies and their responsibilities.

## **II. POLICIES**

Tab A provides mission assignments to those departments and jurisdictions as agreed upon by those entities.

## **III. SITUATION**

### **A. Emergency/Disaster Conditions and Hazards**

A significant natural or technological event may cause the controlled or accidental release of radiological or chemical material from a facility.

### **B. Assumptions**

1. An emergency has occurred, or public perception is such that people believe they have been placed in danger by a situation at a facility with chemical or radioactive materials.
2. The emergency would require responding agencies to provide instructions and information to the public about the emergency and actions people should take to protect lives, property, and the environment. Responding agencies also would provide information to reduce public concerns about the emergency and response activities.

## **IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

### **A. General**

1. Facility owners/operators are responsible for providing the public with information about the emergency, and actions being taken to return the facility to normal operation.

2. Local jurisdictions are responsible for providing its citizens with information on the emergency and what immediate protective actions they should take, such as taking shelter or evacuating.
3. State agencies are responsible for providing the public with information about the emergency, intermediate protective actions designed to further protect property, the economy and the environment, and long-term recovery and recovery actions to restore the affected community to its pre-emergency condition.

## **B. Information Support Structure**

### **1. Facility Information Support Structure**

- a. The facility will establish a public information office to provide information to the public about the emergency and actions taken to return the facility to normal operation.
- b. The facility should establish a Joint Information Center (JIC), from which representatives of state, local jurisdiction, facility, and other responding agencies will provide information and instructions to the public and the media. Such a center should be jointly operated and managed by the local jurisdiction, state, and facility.
- c. The facility's JIC will also establish coordinated arrangements for dealing with rumors and with the media.

### **2. Local Jurisdiction Information Support Structure**

The local jurisdictions will establish a public information office to provide information and instructions to its citizens before, during, and after a chemical or radiological emergency. This office will coordinate its emergency public information actions with the affected facility's JIC to minimize the chances for misinformation.

### **3. State Information Support Structure**

- a. The Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division's (EMD) Public Information Officer (PIO) will coordinate the management of the state's emergency public information response through all phases of a chemical or radiological emergency. This will be accomplished in conjunction and collaboration with the Governor's Communications Director and the Military Department's Public Affairs Officer (PAO).
  - 1) Columbia Generating Station, 2000 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352. The point of contact is the JIC Manager.
  - 2) United States Department of Energy-Hanford Site (Hanford Site), 825 Jadwin, Richland, WA 99352. The point of contact is the JIC Manager.

- 3) Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP), 4700 Northwest Pioneer Place, Pendleton, OR 97801. The point of contact is the JIC Manager.
- b. State-level emergency public information will be coordinated through the Washington Emergency Information Center (WEIC), a part of the state Emergency Operations Center (EOC). If a JIC is established at or near the facility, state-level emergency public information will also be provided to the media and the public through that facility. The JIC will be the primary source of public information when it is activated.
- c. State agencies with a response and recovery role in a chemical or a radiological emergency will provide staff support for the state's emergency public information efforts. This support will be provided when requested by the Governor's Communications Director and in accordance with site-specific emergency plans and the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* (CEMP).

#### **C. Notification**

Selected organizations will be notified by the state EMD when a chemical or radiological emergency has occurred.

#### **D. Emergency Management Activities**

##### **All Pertinent Agencies**

- a. Identifies and trains appropriate staff to carry out the public information responsibilities outlined in this Tab.
- b. Prepares and coordinates public information resource materials to be used for a chemical or radiological emergency.
- c. Participates in a coordinated program to educate the public about hazards posed by chemical or radiological emergencies, and actions people may be asked to take to protect themselves, their property, and the environment. For Columbia Generating Station this program will provide the permanent and transient adult population within the plume exposure pathway Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) an adequate opportunity to become aware of the information annually.
- d. Responds to emergencies involving releases from the Umatilla Chemical Depot (UMCD), Columbia Generating Station, and the Hanford Site, according to emergency response plans and procedures and the CEMP.

## **V. RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. Primary Agency**

#### **Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division**

1. Establishes the WEIC as a means to provide instructions and information to the public about a chemical or radiological emergency. The WEIC will provide information to the public, appropriate state elected officials, and legislators and members of Congress who represent areas affected by a chemical or radiological emergency.
2. Coordinates the management of the state's emergency public information response through all phases of a chemical or radiological emergency. This will be done in cooperation and collaboration with the Governor's Communications Director and the Military Department's PAO
3. Provides information on the emergency or disaster, how it has affected the state, and state response and recovery actions.
4. Provides information on agency support being provided to local jurisdictions and state response and recovery agencies.
5. Provides information on recovery programs designed to return the affected community to its pre-emergency condition.
6. Designates a spokesperson with access to all necessary information and establish arrangements for timely exchange of information among spokespersons.
7. Participates in coordinated programs to acquaint news media with the emergency plans, information concerning radiation, and points of contact for release of public information in an emergency for the Columbia Generating Station program, at least annually.
8. In coordination with the Columbia Generating Station Program, provides the "Radiological Emergency Information for Farmers, Food Processors, and Distributors" brochure through the counties to appropriate parties within the plume exposure pathway EPZ on an annual basis, or when requested.

### **B. Support Agencies**

#### **1. Washington State Department of Agriculture**

- a. Provides information on food controls with other participating agencies and local officials.
- b. Issues expeditious directives relating to milk pick up, and processing.
- c. Provides information on commodities in potentially affected areas.

- d. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency.
- e. Designates a spokesperson with access to necessary information and establish arrangements for timely exchange of information with other spokespersons.

**2. Washington State Department of Ecology**

- a. Provides information on environmental protection, monitoring and clean up actions under its jurisdiction during a chemical or radiological emergency.
- b. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.

**3. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife**

- a. Provides information on the impact of a chemical or radiological emergency on resources under its jurisdiction.
- b. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.

**4. Washington State Department of Health**

- a. Provides technical information about the preservation of public health.
- b. Provides technical information on environmental protection, monitoring and clean up actions under its jurisdiction during a chemical or radiological emergency.
- c. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.
- d. Designates a spokesperson with access to necessary information and establishes arrangements for timely exchange of information with other spokespersons.

**5. Washington State Department of Labor and Industries**

- a. Provides information on worker safety and personal protective equipment to be used by state and local emergency workers.
- b. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.

**6. Washington State Military Department, National Guard**

- a. The Military Department's PAO coordinates release of information with the Governor's Communications Director and the EMD PIO.

- b. Provides information on Air and Army National Guard department support to state and local response agencies.

**7. Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**

- a. Provides information on the impact a chemical or a radiological emergency has had on state park facilities.
- b. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.

**8. Washington State Patrol**

- a. Provides information on law enforcement, traffic control, and transportation assistance provided to state and local jurisdictions.
- b. Provides information on the impact a chemical or a radiological emergency has had on the state's road system, and on the establishment of alternative routes, in coordination with the state Department of Transportation (WSDOT).
- c. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.

**9. Washington State Department of Transportation**

- a. Provides information on the department's response actions to in support of local and state agencies.
- b. Provides information on the impact a chemical or a radiological emergency has had on the state's road system, and on the establishment of alternative routes, in coordination with the Washington State Patrol (WSP).
- c. Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.

**10. Washington State Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Provides public information support to the state EOC, WEIC, and JIC during a chemical or radiological emergency, as requested.

**11. Ingestion Exposure Pathway Emergency Planning Zone Counties**

- 1. Adams, Benton, Franklin, Grant, Walla Walla, and Yakima
  - a. Prepares procedures to provide instructions and information to the public in case of a release of radioactive or other hazardous materials from Columbia Generating Station, or facilities on the Hanford Site.

- b. Identifies and trains staff to carry out the county's emergency public information function.
  - c. Educates the permanent and transient populations about radiological hazards and actions people may be asked to take to protect themselves, their property, and the environment.
  - d. Provides information to the public about protective actions and county response activities during a radiological emergency.
  - e. Provides public information support to the JIC, if possible.
- 2. Benton and Franklin Counties will conduct an annual survey of a statistical sample of the residents within the Columbia Generating Station plume exposure pathway EPZ to assess their awareness of the public notification systems and the availability of public emergency information, and forward the information to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the state EMD.
  - 3. Benton County will also prepare procedures to provide instructions and information to the public in case of a release of chemicals from the UMCD.

## **12. Kittitas and Klickitat Counties**

Provides information to the state or surrounding local jurisdictions on any hazards resulting from an emergency at the Hanford Site or the UMCD.

## **13. Umatilla Chemical Depot**

- a. Assists in locating and managing the operations of a JIC established for a chemical emergency at the facility.
- b. Provides information on the chemical emergency and actions being taken to return the operation of the facility to normal.
- c. Provides, or assists the Service Response Force in providing information on environmental monitoring, affect the emergency had on the environment, and on clean up activities.

## **14. U.S. Department of Energy-Hanford Site**

- a. Provides a facility for the JIC, and assists in managing its operations.
- b. Provides information on the emergency and actions being taken to return the operation of the Hanford Site facility to normal.
- c. Provides information on environmental monitoring, accident assessment, and clean up activities under the direction of U.S.



Department of Energy- Hanford Site and other U.S. Department of Energy programs.

- d. Designates a spokesperson with access to all necessary information and establish arrangements for timely exchange of information with other spokespersons.

**15. Energy Northwest**

- a. Provides a facility for the JIC, and assists in managing its operations.
- b. Provides information on the emergency and actions being taken to return the operation of Columbia Generating Station to normal.
- c. Provides information on the location of claim centers and the provisions of the Price-Anderson Act related to assisting people who have been affected by a radiological emergency at the Columbia Generating Station.
- d. Designates a spokesperson with access to all necessary information and establish arrangements for timely exchange of information with other spokespersons.

**16. American Red Cross**

Provides information on location of shelters or assistance centers, and assistance being provided to people affected by a chemical or radiological emergency.

**17. Federal Emergency Management Agency**

- a. Coordinates federal-level information to the public following a chemical or radiological emergency.
- b. Assists with locating and managing the operations of a JIC, if requested.

**18. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

Provides information on Commission activities related to a radiological emergency.

**C. Other Supporting Washington State Agencies**

In addition to support agencies listed in this Appendix, the following state agencies have committed to providing general PIO support, as requested, to the Office of the Governor, the state EMD, the state EOC, or the lead state response agency during response and recovery activities, should an emergency, disaster, or hazard-specific incident occur as listed in the CEMP Basic Plan:

Washington State Office of the Attorney General

Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges  
Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic  
Development, Energy Policy  
Washington State Department of Corrections  
Washington State Department of General Administration  
Washington State Employment Security Department  
Washington State Governor's Office of Indian Affairs  
Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner  
Washington State Department of Licensing  
Washington State Liquor Control Board  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Washington State Department of Retirement Systems  
Washington State Office of the Secretary of State  
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services  
Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission

## **VI. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**

Resource requirements are identified in supporting plans and procedures.

## **VII. REFERENCES**

See Basic Plan for authorities.